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AMENDMENT "A"

Director of the U.S. Patent  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 24, 2004, having a response being due by June 24, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 10 have been canceled and new Claims 11 - 19 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1 - 2 and 9 - 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Dial patent publication in view of the Washbourne patent. The Claims were also objected to under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Abstract was also objected to as being of excessive length. Importantly, it was